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## **Holidays mean change in garbage pickup, office openings**

**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** – As the holidays approach, Murfreesboro Solid Waste Department Director Joey Smith cautions residents and businesses alike that the schedule for picking up trash will change for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Typically, beginning with Christmas, garbage pickup days change, Smith explained. Though city offices will be closed, garbage pickup continues.

City offices will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, Dec. 24 and 25.

Garbage routes run four days a week, Smith said. Although Solid Waste is usually closed on Wednesdays, during Christmas week, Monday's garbage (Christmas Eve) will be picked up as usual. Tuesday's pickup (Dec. 25, Christmas Day) will be moved to Wednesday and Thursday's and Friday's garbage will be picked up like usual.

The next week, New Year's Day (Jan. 1, 2013), garbage will be picked up on New Year's Eve like usual. Tuesdays' (New Year's Day) pickup will be moved to Wednesday and Thursday's and Friday's will be picked up as usual.

All City of Murfreesboro offices, including Cannonsburgh Village and Project Go!, will be closed Dec. 24, McFadden Community Center will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Patterson Park Community Center will close at 5 p.m.

Old Fort and VA golf courses will be open regular hours.

[Please download the schedule for the year.](#)

All City offices, including Cannonsburgh Village and Project GO!, will be closed Jan. 1, 2013.

All recreational facilities and golf courses will be closed New Years Day, Jan. 1, 2013. Barfield-Crescent Park Wilderness Station, McFadden Community Center, Patterson Park Community Center and Sports\*Com will all close at 5 p.m. New Year's Eve.

All trash and garbage must be securely tied in a plastic or recyclable bag and in the cart so the lid can be completely closed with no loose material, Smith said. Place the cart four feet away from any object with the wheels and handle facing the residence so the lift bar can be accessible from the street.

"This includes all City issued garbage carts," he added. "The sideloader arm has to have room to grab the cart."

Smith said Christmas Trees will be picked up with the other brush and limbs but they cannot have any tensil or other decorations on them.

Like last year, the city's urban environmental department will mulch trees at the Farmer's Market site next to Cannonsburgh and be trucked to the city's public works facility on Florence Road.